

Gloucester Community Preservation Committee

Committee Meeting Report for July 27, 2011

Members attending: J.J. Bell, Sandy Dahl-Ronan, Bill Dugan, Karen Gallagher, Tom O'Keefe, Steven Phillips, Stacy Randell, Scott Smith

1. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2011, without amendment; Ms. Gallagher seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.
2. Ms. Gallagher asked for clarification of the amount of funds available for allocation. Mr. Bell said the net amount, after allowance of \$215,000 for the City Hall project, is \$435,000.
3. The rest of the meeting was set aside for a general discussion of the members' evaluation of the 15 applications deemed eligible for funding. Each of the members had a chance to provide their own analysis. The pros and cons listed below represent some of the issues discussed on the applications:

	PROS	CONS
GHA/Cape Ann Homeownership	Valuable resource Wide community support	Concerns about paying salary Repeat funding application
GHA/Sheedy Building Roof (Q.-Can AHT provide funding?)	Definitive need is clear Supplements State funds	Funding deferred maintenance Eligibility issues discussed
Museum/Ellery House Windows (Mr. Bell recused himself)	True preservation project	High percentage of cost requested Not time sensitive
Adventure/5 Spars	Important attraction for City Move the launch forward	Repeat funding application Not time sensitive
Phyllis A./Hull and Mast (Q.-contact with Heritage Center?)	Hull work a priority Synergy with Adventure and Rocky Neck Tangible representation of fishing industry worthy of preserving	Static exhibit Eligibility issues discussed Young org. starting up
Arts/Murals	Short \$ for gems Important WPA work	Not time sensitive
Magnolia Society/Scanner (Q.'s-Cost of service?)	Good idea to preserve documents	Machine is a liability Does not seem cost effective Should be outsourced

Magnolia Society/Renovations		Does not restore the building Use may be temporary given Blynman option Eligibility issues discussed
R. Jabba/Plaques	Worthy individual effort to benefit City	Lacks methodology Should yield wide access thru GPS mapping
Sargent House/Fence	Wide Main St. frontage needs improvement Opening the front yard shows good stewardship Change to white and wood is good	Org. has not been a good partner in City
SFL/Landscaping (Q.-Can trees survive?) (Q.-Is there access to Saunders House?)	Need for work is clear Most used public building A key piece in Civic Center	Could cost less, too much for fence HP access doesn't include Saunders House, the historic bldg.
CD Dept./Little River (Q.-DPW labor?)	Good environmental benefit Funds would provide good leverage	Can cost be cut with DPW labor?
CD Dept./No. Woods (Q.-Phase 1 report?)		Not a pressing need Can Babson College help with \$?
Greenbelt/Thompson St. (Q.-What is real need?)	Protects a current area that is heavily used Greenbelt has great track record Preserves land forever	Needs more parking for access Shouldn't need all the requested \$
DPW/H2O survey	Protects valuable resource	Incomplete application Open Space committee not supportive City shouldn't ask for 100%

The committee members filled in a non-binding funding chart. For each application each member provided a proposed level of funding in response to the requests. The non-binding tally was intended to determine the extent to which the Committee members were in agreement, based upon the preliminary discussions.

Mr. Bell reminded the members of the next meeting on August 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.